Part A: Office of the Secretary

**Chapter AA:** Immediate Office of the Secretary

**Chapter AAC: Office on Disability** 

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AAC.00 MISSION

AAC.10 ORGANIZATION

AAC.20 FUNCTIONS

**Section AAC.00 Mission.** The Office on Disability (OD) oversees the implementation and coordination of disability programs, policies, and special initiatives. The Office will heighten the interaction of programs within HHS and with federal, state, community and valuable private sector partners. The Office will support plans and initiatives designed to tear down barriers facing people with disabilities, which prevent them from fully participating and contributing in an inclusive community life.

**Section AAC.10 Organization**: The Office on Disability (OD) is headed by a Director, who reports to the Secretary, and serves as an advisor on HHS activities relating to disabilities.

**Section AAC.20 Functions**: The Office of Disability (OD) includes the following activities: the OD advises the Secretary on matters relating to implementation and coordination of policies, disability-related programs, and special disability-focused initiatives within the Department and with other federal agencies; and the Office will serve as the focal point within the Department for disabilities issues, including the coordination of disability policy, programs and special disability-related initiatives within the Department and with other Federal agencies. The Deputy Director of the Office on Disability assists the Director in carrying out the responsibilities of the Office and acts as Director in the absence of the Director.